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Western Kentucky University
UA3 President's Office
Series 1 Henry Hardin Cherry
Subseries 5/3 Campus / Building Campaign

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Biographical/Historical Note: The president's office was created in 1906. Henry Hardin Cherry served as founder of WKU and its first president, a position he held until his death in 1937.

Henry Hardin Cherry was born November 16, 1864 in Warren County, Kentucky, the son of George Washington and Frances (Stahl) Cherry. He attended the Southern Normal School and Business College along with his brother Thomas Crittenden Cherry. After college the Cherry brothers taught in rural schools and Henry returned to teach at the Southern Normal. They purchased the school in 1892 with Henry filling the main administrative role. Cherry actively pursued the creation of a state funded teacher training school and in 1906 succeeded in converting the Southern Normal into the Western Kentucky State Normal School.

Highlights of his administration include the purchase of the Potter College for Young Ladies property which resulted in the relocation of the school to "the Hill," the merger with Ogden College, construction of buildings, hiring of faculty and the evolution of the training school into a four year college.

Some of Cherry's personal papers are also found in this series most notably those pertaining to his political aspirations and two candidacies for the Kentucky governorship.

Description: Records created by the President's Office during the Henry Hardin Cherry administration regarding the construction of WKU. This series is not completely processed.

Dates: 1906-1937

Subject Analytics:

Cherry, Henry Hardin, 1864-1937
Landscape architecture drawings
Master Plan (WKU)

Western Kentucky University
Wright, Henry

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